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FORMER TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE OFFICER INDICTED AND ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGE

TUCSON, ARIZONA – ENRIQUE ROMERO, 30, of Tucson, Arizona, was arrested this morning by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration. **ROMERO** was indicted by a federal grand jury, on February 9, 2000, and charged with one count of Attempting to Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

The indictment alleges that on March 26, 1999, in Sells, Arizona, **ROMERO** knowingly attempted to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. At that time, **ROMERO** was employed as a police officer with the Tohono O'odham Police Department and placed on administrative leave. On June 29, 1999, while on administrative leave, the defendant was arrested by officers from the Tucson Police Department, on unrelated state charges. Subsequently, **ROMERO** was terminated by the police department. On January 27, 2000, **ROMERO** was arrested by officers from the Tucson Police Department, on drug and weapons charges.

If convicted of the offense charged in the federal indictment, the maximum penalty is five years imprisonment. An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction

The investigation that led to the indictment was conducted by the Southern Arizona Corruption Task Force. The prosecution is being handled by the U. S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.